

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An absorbent article ~~such as a sanitary napkin, an incontinence guard, a diaper, or a panty liner,~~ has a substantially elongated shape with a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction and exhibits two side edges ~~(9, 10),~~ a front edge $[(11)]$ and a rear edge $[(12)]$, a front portion $[(6)]$ and a rear portion $[(7)]$, and a central portion $[(8)]$ situated between the front portion $[(6)]$ and the rear portion $[(7)]$. The article furthermore exhibits a liquid-pervious cover layer $[(2)]$ and a liquid-impervious cover layer $[(3)]$ and an absorbent body $[(4)]$. The rear portion $[(7)]$ of the absorbent body $[(4)]$ includes a layer $[(17)]$ that is split in a first leg $[(15)]$ and a second leg $[(16)]$ with a gap between the legs ~~(15, 16),~~ where an angle α is defined between the first leg $[(15)]$ and the second leg $[(16)]$, and an elastic member $[(19)]$ is placed between the first leg $[(15)]$ and the second leg $[(16)]$, which elastic member $[(19)]$ essentially extends in the longitudinal direction.